

Public Information Summary
Nithio FI

Host Countries	Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda
Name of Borrowers	Nithio FI BV (Netherlands) and Nithio Finance, Inc. (Delaware)
Project Description	The proceeds of the Loan will be used by Nithio FI to make direct and indirect downstream loans to companies to provide, purchase, lease and/or expand access to products and services in the off-grid solar energy sector.
Proposed DFC Loan	\$10,000,000
All-Source Funding Total	\$25,000,000
Policy Review¹	
Developmental Objectives	This Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact through support for the deployment of off-grid solar power solutions in Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda, which are low- and lower-middle-income countries. The Project will issue loans to companies that sell and install off-grid, often rooftop solar power units at residential as well as business locations. Access to power has long been an economic stumbling block in Africa, but the provision of off-grid solutions seeks to correct for the inability of individuals and companies to access the limited grid power in their respective markets. According to the World Bank, while Kenya is relatively better off with 75% of the population having access to power, Nigeria at 56% and Uganda at 42% face significant challenges. Moreover, in both countries, limited access to power for rural populations is pronounced: 31% in Nigeria and 38% in Uganda. In addition, the Project Company expects roughly three-quarters of the borrowers to themselves be SMEs selling and installing access to power through off-grid units.
Environment and Social Assessment	<p>Nithio FI B.V (“Nithio” is a built for purpose financial intermediary (“FI”) using advanced data analytics and machine learning to efficiently deploy capital in the off-grid solar sector in Africa. Nithio offers investors the opportunity to support the development of the pay-as-you-go (“PAYG”) off-grid solar sector using an approach that is data-driven and scalable. Nithio is seeking a DFC loan of \$10 million to provide financing to off-grid solar energy companies through receivables warehousing facilities as well as corporate loans backed by receivables and inventory.</p> <p>The Project has been reviewed against DFC's 2020 Environmental and Social Policy Procedures ("ESPP") and has been determined to be categorically eligible. Projects involving loans to non-bank financial</p>

intermediaries (“NBFI”s) for the purposes of providing loans to companies that provide solar equipment and services in off-grid or grid-deficit regions are screened as Category C projects under DFC’s environmental and social guidelines. The environmental, health, safety, and social impacts from the Project are considered minimal. The Borrower will be required to provide a healthy and safe work environment for its employees. The Project’s activities, which involve providing loans to companies that provide solar equipment and services in off-grid or grid-deficit regions, are not vulnerable to climate change and therefore a climate change resilience assessment is not needed.

The Project is required to comply with applicable local and national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance and applicable provisions of the 2012 International Finance Corporation’s Performance Standard (“ IFC PS”) 1 and 2. Nithio’s E&S approach is guided by the International Finance Corporation (‘IFC’) Performance Standards (“PS”).